

## Status and Schedule

1. The LWG's primary goal remains to prepare a technically and legally sound RI/FS that fulfills the LWG's Administrative Order on Consent, complies with the National Contingency Plan and sets the foundation for selecting a sediment remedy that is protective of human health and the environment.
2. The LWG has been engaged with the Community Advisory Group and other key stakeholders of the Lower Willamette and we consistently hear that they want a quality cleanup and "no surprises".
3. They want a transparent process and they want to know the cleanup will be based on the best science and achievable cleanup goals. Of course they want to see the cleanup begin as soon as possible – but the calendar isn't driving their passion for a cleaner river – we all share the same goal - a FS that is based on good science, identifies remedial options that are protective, and is implementable and affordable for our region.
4. With more than \$85 million spent so far, no one wants the cleanup to start more than the LWG. Twenty percent of that has been to support the oversight work of EPA, DEQ and the Tribes. A project of this size is bound to have its problems but in ten years the LWG has not disputed any of the directives required by EPA in our preparation of the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). In all cases, we have been able to work through issues and differences and we expect to be able to continue our cooperative relationship as we prepare to deliver the FS in 2011.

## Summary of Key Steps to Complete the RI/FS

1. Currently, the LWG is working full speed on every aspect of the project:
  - a. Revising and finalizing the Human and Ecological Risk Assessments
  - b. Revising and finalizing the Remedial Investigation Report
  - c. Preparing the Alternative Screening Analysis of remedial technologies
  - d. Preparing the Draft Feasibility Study
2. These are all huge deliverables – all very time intensive and we have the region's top consulting firms working full time to produce these plans.
3. The process to set cleanup goals and determine the best options for remedial actions is a complicated one. The FS is a tool box for EPA – it will not set the final cleanup goals and it will not select the cleanup remedies.

Refer to Flow Chart

